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Harold:

From my most recent correspondence with Paul you now know that I have instructed Paul to send copies of my "dust"-letter to all who have received his memo.

I am convinced that we should contemplate letting the matter go to the public soon and in some appropriate fashion that, hopefully, will serve the purpose of getting all of the truth disclosed.

Accordingly, I have asked Sylvia for her advice as to what we should do, and I now seek yours.

I told Sylvia that I planned to write up the material in the form of a memo dealing almost exclusively with the dust-like fragments-- that is, without extensive reference to JFK's movements or to other evidence indicating a shot from the front. I think, however, that this business ought not to be presented alone, but that it should appear together with all the evidence that establishes a ~~front~~ front shot to the head-- especially evidence concerning JFK's movements.

I am now in the process of seeking suitable illustrations. With these, the case will be not only intellectually solid, but also very convincing, in a visual sense.

When I get a suitable report written, I'll send it to you or Sylvia to have it copywritten in the States; that will protect it somewhat. I am not greatly worried about it being misused in the mean time, for there is really no way to hurt my ideas about the fragments except to misrepresent them.

Moreover, lacking evidence to the contrary, I shall for the time being regard Hoch as with "the other side". Since he has my letter on the dust-like fragments, there is no point ~~xxxxxx~~ in treating the matter with great confidentiality. I think it smart to let the matter move quietly among ourselves while we gather opinions (endorsements, hopefully) from recognized experts in forensic medicine and in ballistics. I have sent the letter to Wecht and Nichols, and asked for opinions. I hope Howard will consult Fillinger, too. I should be able to find ballistics experts, but am not close to any, and know of none that I trust. They should really be the ones to get. My past experience with them shows that they tend to run scared when things get hot-- all interest and enthusiasm until you ask them to step in front of the firing line and hold the target for the government's hacks to shoot at (I can't say I blame them, in a way, for the government's marksmen are notoriously bad shots-- always missing the target, but hitting the target-holder. Did I say "bad shots"? Good shots, really.) The trick will be to give them the courage to stand behind thick and solid steel plate as they hold the target-- maybe then they'll think about it.

Anyway, if neither of you objects, I would like you and Sylvia to co-operate in devising a way to bring the matter to light, and even to co-operate in bringing it to light. I will provide the raw material regarding the dust-like fragments; you two may do whatever else you think is best. Since I am

up here in Canada, and somewhat detached from the "action" (if this results in action) others can handle matters of immediacy better than I can.

I understand that my proposal, vague as it is, may somewhat rankle you and Sylvia, for I am in a way forcing two very independent persons into a sort of co-operation that neither of you may welcome. If it bothers you, please excuse me, understanding that I sincerely believe not only that you can deal with it together, but that you should. I am inexperienced in public matters, and prefer to leave them in the hands of those who may treat them better than I can. I think, moreover, that you can manage them better together than either of you can handle them alone.

Sylvia is enthusiastic. I myself think that if the matter is disclosed properly it can lead to a major "kill". I am not sure, however, what is the best way, and I want to hear recommendations.

In time you will have a report similar to the ones that I did on the scope-sight and on CE399-- with ample photos and (if I can do them) tests of my own. Good photos will probably render personal tests unnecessary, though. I am not sure when I can get this report done, for I am busy now with teaching. If necessity demands that we use something in lieu of a formal report, we have my 11 October letter to Hoch, which contains the basic knowledge.

Think, then, and tell me what you think.

Still,

Dick

Bernabei

cc. Meagher